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Glendale Driver Charged with Assaulting Cyclist, Filing False Police Report

A Glendale man has been charged with allegedly trying to run a cyclist off the road and then filing a false police report accusing the cyclist of striking his car, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Dennis James Reed (dob 10/30/46) is charged with one misdemeanor count each of assault with a deadly weapon, a vehicle, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and false report of a criminal offense.

Arraignment in case 6GDo1232 is scheduled today in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Glendale Branch. The case was filed on April 7.

On Jan. 18, Reed is charged with swerving his vehicle toward a cyclist riding next to him on Chevy Chase Drive in Glendale, prosecutors said. The defendant then allegedly filed a police report with the Glendale Police Department claiming the cyclist was aggressive and hit his car, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Reed faces a possible maximum sentence of 1 ½ years in county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the Glendale Police Department.

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